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Bobby Cutler came to see me this morning. He has been making a whirlwind tour of various U.S. establishments in Europe. We had an interesting talk on many matters, including some of the problems now before the National Security Council, in connection with which lie his most engrossing responsibilities.

John Hughes and I had lunch together at Calvet's. These meetings are useful for they enable us to maintain a close liaison on a number of policy matters. It is doubly pleasant for me, for this means a continuance of a friendship of more than thirty years' standing.

André de Staercke came to see me this afternoon. Spaak called him this morning to express his deep regret over the language used by the Secretary in his recent communication to Congress on the subject of restoring sovereignty to Germany if France does not shortly act favorably on the EDC Treaty. Spaak feels opponents of EDC will seize upon the postponement suggested in Dulles's letter of how to deal with the German military effort as an acceptance on our part of an alternative to the EDC Treaty which can be used as a pretext for further protracted negotiations. In my view, the language employed was unfortunate and what Spaak fears has already been borne out by articles and comments in today's French press.

Spaak sent for Alger this morning and told him of his apprehensions in this regard. I telephoned Fred in Brussels and found he had already sent a cable reporting this conversation. We will consider here whether any remedial steps can or should be taken.

William Henry Chamberlain, of the Wall Street Journal, called on me and I told him the latest news of the European Defense Community.

Then Professor Ophuls visited me. The Chancellor is going on vacation Saturday of this week and wanted to have the latest news from Paris on EDC.

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I told Ophuls that in my opinion the leaders in the Federal Republic, Benelux countries, U.S. and U.K. should remain silent for the time being and refuse to engage in newspaper interviews or discussions of EDC, maintaining the firm stand so recently expressed by them that the only practical alternative would lead to the undesired reconstitution of a German National Army.

Tonight the Agars and ourselves went to the Dillons for dinner. I sat between Madame Chaban-Delmas and Christiane Baumgartner. After dinner I had a long conversation with Emile Roche. He brought up the same subject raised with me this afternoon by André de Staercke. He believes the United States Government must clarify its position in the matter, for otherwise the EDC opponents in France will go gaily ahead drafting alternatives to the EDC.

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